



**THE SENATE**  
**HEALTH POLICY COMMITTEE**  
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**DRAFT MINUTES**

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Health Policy was held on Wednesday, September 10, 2008 at 3:10 p.m. in the Senate Hearing Room, First Floor of the Boji Tower.

Senate Health Policy Committee members present: George (C), Sanborn, Clarke (MinVC), Gleason, Jacobs.

Senator George welcomed everyone to the committee meeting and excused absent member. Senator George then welcomed Matt Hanley as the interim health policy advisor. Matt Hanley then gave an explanation of Senate Bills 956 and 1366.

A motion was made by Senator Clark to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting and seconded by Senator Sanborn.

Senator George then welcomed Greg Baron of the Michigan Pharmacists Association and Phil Hagerman of Diplomat Specialty Pharmacy who spoke in support of Senate Bills 956 and 1366. Following their testimony the floor was opened up for questions.

A motion was made by Senator Clark to adopt an amendment to Senate Bill 956 (S-1), supported by Senator Jacobs

Yeas: George, Sanborn, Clarke, Gleason, Jacobs

Nays:

Pass:

Excused: Allen, Patterson

The motion prevailed

A motion was made by Senator Clark to report Senate Bill 956 (S-1) with immediate effect, supported by Senator Jacobs.

Yeas: George, Sanborn, Clarke, Gleason, Jacobs

Nays:

Pass:

Excused: Allen, Patterson

The motion prevailed.

A motion was made by Senator Jacobs to report Senate Bill 1366 with immediate effect, supported by Senator Clarke.

Yeas: George, Sanborn, Clarke, Gleason, Jacobs

Nays:

Pass:

Excused: Allen, Patterson

The motion prevailed.

Senator George then noted that cards in support of Senate Bills 956 and 1366 had been turn in by Curtis Hertel, Jr. of the Department of Community Health, Christine Shearer of the Michigan Association of Health Plans, and Peter Ruddell of the Michigan Hospice and Palliative Care Organization.

Matt Hanley then explained Senate Bill 800.

Senator George then acknowledged Senator Gleason who spoke in support of the bill.

Senator George then noted that cards had been turned in by Bill Kandler representing Sanofi Pasteur in support of the bill, and Felicia Wasson of AARP in support of the bill, and Chris Mitchell of the Michigan Health and Hospital Association who was neutral on the bill.

Senator George then asked Bill Kandler to come forward to answer questions on the bill. Senator George then welcomed Representative Jones to the stand. Rep. Jones spoke in support of the bill.

There being no further business Senator George adjourned the meeting without objection at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Nester

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Committee Clerk

Senator Tom George

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Chairperson

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Date approved by the Committee